

**From:** dqulke@ameritech.net  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 9:28 AM  
**To:** Rep07  
**Subject:** Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

First Name : David

Last Name : Quolke

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Zip : 44133-3007

Phone : 202.202.2020

Email : dqulke@ameritech.net

Subject :  
Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

Message :  
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These six proposals would effectively undo labor law that has helped serve as a catalyst to create Ohio's middle class.

These proposals are nothing but an attempt by out-of-state groups like ALEC to silence workers at the workplace and slash wages and benefits at a time when they have been stagnant for far too long.

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Thank you for your consideration on this vital matter.

David Quolke  
dquolke@ameritech.net  
6166 Hilary Drive S.  
North Royalton, Ohio 44133-3007

**From:** Rep07  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 11:34 PM  
**To:** dquolke@ameritech.net  
**Subject:** Re: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

Don't worry David. Not a chance. I'm working behind the scenes to kill them.

Tom Patton

Sent from my iPad

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 11:35 PM  
**To:** j.hriczik@csuohio.edu  
**Subject:** Re: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

I certainly won't John!!  
Tom Patton

Sent from my iPad

> On Dec 21, 2017, at 8:43 AM, "j.hriczik@csuohio.edu" <j.hriczik@csuohio.edu> wrote:  
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> First Name : John  
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> Last Name : Hriczik  
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> Address : 13710 Burlwood Dr  
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> City : Strongsville  
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> State : OH  
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> Zip : 44136-3772  
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**From:** Rep07  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 11:46 PM  
**To:** jyantek@lakeerieelectric.com  
**Subject:** Re: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

I certainly won't !!!

Tom Patton

Sent from my iPad

> On Dec 21, 2017, at 7:21 AM, "jyantek@lakeerieelectric.com" <jyantek@lakeerieelectric.com> wrote:

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> First Name : John

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> Last Name : Yantek

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> Address : 19242 Hunt rd.

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> City : Ohio

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> State : OH

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> Zip : 44136

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> Phone : 202.202.2020

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> John Yantek

> [hyantek@lakeerieelectric.com](mailto:hyantek@lakeerieelectric.com)

> 19242 Hunt rd.

> Ohio, Ohio 44136

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**From:** Rep07  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 11:47 PM  
**To:** gengen08825@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

I certainly won't!!

Tom Patton

Sent from my iPad

> On Dec 21, 2017, at 6:55 AM, "gengen08825@gmail.com" <gengen08825@gmail.com> wrote:

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> First Name : Virginia

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> Last Name : GALLAGHER

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> Address : 8484 Stearns rd.

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> City : Olmsted falls

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> State : OH

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> Virginia GALLAGHER

> gengen08825@gmail.com

> 8484 Stearns rd.

> Olmsted falls, Ohio 44138

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**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 11:47 PM  
**To:** doctorjake48@sbcglobal.net  
**Subject:** Re: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

I certainly will not!!

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Sent from my iPad

> On Dec 21, 2017, at 4:55 AM, "doctorjake48@sbcglobal.net" <doctorjake48@sbcglobal.net> wrote:  
>  
> First Name : Warren  
>  
> Last Name : Kerrigan  
>  
> Address : 460 Old Reservoir Road  
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> City : OH  
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> State : OH  
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> Warren Kerrigan

> doctorjake48@sbcglobal.net

> 460 Old Reservoir Road

> OH, Ohio 44017

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**From:** Rep07  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 11:48 PM  
**To:** red60wing@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Re: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

I certainly will not!! Thanks for the note!

Tom Patton

Sent from my iPad

> On Dec 21, 2017, at 4:24 AM, "red60wing@yahoo.com" <red60wing@yahoo.com> wrote:  
>  
> First Name : Glenn  
>  
> Last Name : Worley  
>  
> Address : 10924 Sand Creek Circle  
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> City : Strongsville  
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> State : OH  
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> Zip : 44149  
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> Glenn Worley

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> 10924 Sand Creek Circle

> Strongsville, Ohio 44149

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**From:** Rep07  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 21, 2017 11:49 PM  
**To:** janeanndarrow@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Re: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

I certainly will not! Thanks for the note!

Tom Patton

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> On Dec 21, 2017, at 3:32 AM, "janeanndarrow@gmail.com" <janeanndarrow@gmail.com> wrote:  
>  
> First Name : Jane  
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> Last Name : Darrow  
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> Address : 8960 village court  
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> City : olmsted falls  
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> Jane Darrow

> janeandarrow@gmail.com

> 8960 village court

> Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138

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**From:** jpalush0331@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Friday, December 22, 2017 5:14 PM  
**To:** Rep07  
**Subject:** Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

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Last Name : Palush

Address : 6162 Akins rd

City : North Royalton

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Phone : 202.202.2020

Email : jpalush0331@yahoo.com

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6162 Akins rd  
North Royalton, Ohio 44133

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**To:** jpalush0331@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Re: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

Absolutely will not support anti union legislation. Thanks for the note! Merry Christmas!

Tom Patton

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**From:** Rep07

**Sent:** Friday, December 22, 2017 8:30 PM

**To:** jkeirnschwanson@gmail.com

**Subject:** Re: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

Will definitely say no!!

Tom Patton

Sent from my iPad

> On Dec 21, 2017, at 12:04 AM, "jkeirnschwanson@gmail.com" <jkeirnschwanson@gmail.com> wrote:

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> First Name : J

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> Last Name : Keirn-Schwanson

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> Address : 210 The Mall

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> City : Berea

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> State : OH

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> Zip : 44017

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> Phone : 202.202.2020

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> 210 The Mall

> Berea, Ohio 44017

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**To:** Rep07  
**Subject:** Re: Please don't support any of Rep. Beckers Anti-Union Bills

Thanks, dude

On December 22, 2017 at 8:29:34 PM, [Rep07@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep07@ohiohouse.gov)  
([rep07@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:rep07@ohiohouse.gov)) wrote:

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**Sent:** Friday, December 22, 2017 9:54 PM  
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Last Name : Lanzo

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Email : lanzobrenda@yahoo.com

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**Sent:** Friday, December 22, 2017 10:17 PM  
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First Name : Mark

Last Name : Shea

Address : 30 Prospect St

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Working people overwhelmingly rejected these types of attacks in 2011 when they used the citizensâ veto and repealed Senate Bill 5. Ohioans strongly believe that it is past time to put the ugliness and spitefulness behind us and work to find common ground with all political parties, business and labor, on different ways to grow our economy from the middle out and raise wages for all.

Thank you for your consideration on this vital matter.

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### **Cuccinelli Gave Powerful Speech at ALEC Conference –**

Former Virginia State Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli was the keynote speaker at a BBA Task Force-sponsored breakfast during the recent ALEC States and Nation Policy Summit in Nashville, TN. He described his presentation as *"unique from any other that (he) gives."* He said, *"I have never given one like it."* Then he spent 25 minutes underscoring the facts that support a quote from Erskine Bowles... *"We face the most predictable economic crisis in history."*

Cuccinelli's powerful graphics-supported presentation went on to underscore the truth of Bowles prediction, *"if we do not change course."* He talked about *"the consequences of failure" ... "it's simple math" ...* noting *"We are spending about \$1.40 for every \$1 we take in,"* and, *"A one percent increase in interest rates equals \$200 billion ... which alone would almost double our interest payment per year,"* and, *"At the end of 2021 about \$6 trillion of our \$20 trillion debt will come due ... in addition to our then existing budget."* He stressed that *"A balanced budget amendment has to come from the states."*

Although the sound quality is not what one would wish, Cuccinelli's full presentation can be seen [HERE](#).

### **Bipartisan Report Authors Underscore Need for Debt Control –**

About the same time as Cuccinelli's speech, the **Washington Post** carried an op-ed authored by Alan Simpson and Erskine Bowles entitled ***A moment of truth for our country's financial future***.

They pointed out the National Commission on Fiscal Responsibility and Reform that they co-chaired issued its bipartisan warnings and recommendations seven years ago... when the national debt was \$7 trillion smaller. “*Sadly*” they said, “*deficit denial is not only back but also stronger than ever*”... and, “*debt is the highest it has ever been other than around World War II.*”

While their piece was primarily a critique of the since-passed tax reform bill, they stressed, “*Bringing our debt under control will require reforming and slowing the growth of health and retirement entitlements.*” “*This is the moment of truth for lawmakers who share our concern about our nation's fiscal future.*” Read their op-ed [HERE](#).

### **Heritage Foundation Gets a New President –**

The **Heritage Foundation** has announced that Kay James will become its new President as of this month. Ms. James brings with her a wealth of experience and leadership background.



From the standpoint of this publication, the only question is whether or not she will lead the widely respected organization to recognize that the Constitution it vigorously supports also includes a tool that can bring about many of the changes Heritage espouses... the state-led option for proposing Constitutional amendments set forth in Article V

Back in 1988, during an earlier effort to convene an Article V convention to propose a BBA-focused Constitutional amendment, Heritage produced a **Backgrounder** (position paper #637) that concluded, *"Given the numerous safeguards built into the convention method of amendment, fears that use of this method would endanger the Constitution are unfounded. In fact, the convention method actually may be the safer method of amendment. A convention is subject to many constraints, while Congress may propose an amendment to the states at any time, with almost no limits on the subject matter of those amendments."*

The 1988 position paper goes on to say, *"[T]he convention clause of Article V is an integral and necessary part of the constitutional system of checks and balances. Americans and their representatives in state legislatures and in Congress should not allow misinformation to divert them from employing this wisely crafted provision. When Congress fails to propose needed amendments to the Constitution, policy makers should not hesitate to put it to use."*

Yet, while Heritage has often supported a balanced budget provision in the Constitution, it has never taken a position supportive of an Article V convention

to make that happen. Leadership of the influential organization has continued to believe that Congress will propose such an amendment to constrain itself.

As recently as August 2011 outgoing Heritage President Edwin Feulner wrote, *"Until Congress is required by the Constitution to balance the budget (as almost all states are required to do) there will never be a true budget reform in Washington."* Unfortunately, under his leadership Heritage has refused to acknowledge, and encourage use of the provisions in Article V to accomplish that end.

Meanwhile, former US Senator Jim DeMint, who also served as President of Heritage for some time, has gone on to invest his leadership skills in promoting the use of Article V through the Convention of States Project (CoSP). And, Stephen Moore, the Distinguished Visiting Fellow, Project for Economic Growth at Heritage, has realized that Article V holds the hope for the balanced budget Constitutional provision that America needs.

*"I was at first not a big fan of a balanced budget amendment," says Moore, "and I have to confess that I believed the critics who said we just need to show some backbone and courage; we don't need to mess with the Constitution. But neither party has shown the courage or backbone to do anything about federal spending and borrowing. They won't, and the institution is inherently incapable of doing so."* He is now a strong advocate of using a state-led Article V convention to obtain a balanced budget amendment.

With Ms. James now leading Heritage, it is hoped that organization will finally

use its influence to employ the hitherto unused powers of Article V. Read the entire 1988 Heritage position paper on the validity of using Article V [HERE](#).

See Stephen Moore's BBA-related testimony before the US Senate Judiciary Committee [HERE](#).

### **Iowa State Rep Calls for a Convention of States –**

In late November the **Dickinson County** (Iowa) **News** carried a piece wherein Iowa State Rep John Wills wrote about why there is a swamp in Washington, DC.

*After reviewing the issues he concluded, "[W]e need to call for a convention of states that will bring our states together once again in a semblance of federalism to discuss how to reign in an out of control federal system and bring the power back to you —the voter. Remember: the government was meant to be controlled by the people, not the other way around."*

Read Rep. Wills piece [HERE](#).

### **Coburn: No One is Working on National Debt Reduction –**

During December former Oklahoma US Senator Tom Coburn visited the **Tulsa World** where he said, *"No one is working on the things that are really important."*

Dr. Coburn made it clear that what is really important to this country continues to be debt... not just the more than \$20 trillion in accumulated federal operating debt, but also the tens of trillions more in obligations like Social Security and Medicare.

*"Name a country that has survived the debt burden we have," Coburn said.*  
*"You can't. There aren't any."*

Coburn's book, *Smashing the D.C. Monopoly*, is his argument for a convention of the states. It is directed largely at fellow conservatives, many of whom oppose an Article V convention as a potential Pandora's box. Coburn describes at great length why he believes this is an unfounded worry, and why he believes a convention is imperative.

Coburn serves as spokesman for and advisor to the Convention of States Project (CoSP). His interview with the Tulsa World can be read HERE.

### **New Amendment-Seeking Group Takes Aim at Citizens United –**

A group known as **American Promise** has launched a new campaign to convince Congress to propose a Constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision. It claims to have begun an *"18-month-long deliberative project to write and vet the 28th amendment to the US Constitution."*

Over the past few years a group known as **Wolf-PAC** has been pursuing an

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Article V convention of states to reach similar goals. American Promise does not seem to have any interest in the state-led approach to overturning the 8-year-old Citizens United decision. They appear convinced that they can get 2/3 of both houses of Congress to vote for their proposed amendment. Their list of supporters includes former US Senator Alan Simpson, US Senator Tom Udall, Congressman Jim McGovern, Harvard Professor Lawrence Lessig and others.

The December 4 press release announcing the new campaign can be read [HERE](#). More information about American Promise is available [HERE](#)... and about Wolf-PAC is available [HERE](#).

### **Writer Says Tea Party Must Now Focus on Spending Restraint –**

During December **The Libertarian Republic.com** published an op-ed by Gary Doan entitled ***“The Next Evolution of the TEA Party Must Be a SEA Party”***.

Doan summarizes the history of the Tea Party movement and says, *“[N]early a decade to the day after their emergence, they arguably have their first legislative victory. Their laser-like focus on taxes has made the first major legislation of Trump’s term to pass both houses tax reform.”* He goes on to say, *“[T]he original aim was to simplify the tax code and lower rates overall, and that’s exactly what the bill appears to do. Such a bill, regardless of any warts, represents the largest step towards what has always unified the TEA Party, and it would not have existed without them.”*

Sloan believes the Tea Party now needs to become the **“SEA Party,”** with an

emphasis on reducing governmental spending. He points out that *"debt is merely a tax on future generations"* and suggests that *"Any cuts to direct taxes without accompanying spending cuts merely raises the tax rates of indirect taxation."*

He says, *"To the extent that self-styled tea party politicians are fiscal conservatives, it seems obvious to me that since significant tax reform is accomplished, spending reform must follow. Deficits and debt are not fiscally conservative policies."*

After lauding the potential benefits of a Constitutional balanced budget amendment Sloan concludes by saying, *"In the wake of the victory of significant tax reform, this is the next battlefield for fiscal conservatives, the next big ticket item that accomplishes more than nibbling around the edges with some minor tweaks. For fiscal conservatives to move forward, they need to evolve past the TEA Party and become a SEA Party, or suffer the same fate of stagnation and co-option by a Republican party unconcerned with economics as their predecessors."*

Read Sloan's entire piece [HERE](#).

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### **Should Article V Itself be Amended? –**

James W. Lucas, an attorney in New York City, has written an important, thoughtful Article V-related piece that was published December 8 at **National Review.com**. Headlined ***The Supreme Court verses the Constitution***,

Lucas starts by saying, *"Through judicial amendment, the Supreme Court has made Article V of the Constitution an afterthought."*<sup>2</sup> Then he asks, *"Can we restore the Framers' vision?"*

Lucas says, *"[W]e have been hearing much about the two contending approaches to the Constitution. These are often referred to as 'originalism' and 'living constitutionalism,' but these terms obscure the underlying issue. What is at stake, at least in the constitutional context, is how our Constitution should be changed."* He suggests that Supreme Court decisions often *"constitute de facto amendment of the Constitution."*

He asks, *"How is it that the oldest written constitution in the world, of one of the oldest democratic republics in the world, can be changed with no participation by the people, through the decree of five unelected and unaccountable judges?"* Then he concludes, *"Today Article V is perhaps the most neglected part of our Constitution."*<sup>3</sup>

*"If judges are to be persuaded not to change the Constitution on their own,"* says Lucas, *"Article V must be reformed in order to make it a plausible alternative to judicial amendment. The Framers' solution was the democratic, deliberative process set out in Article V, not the fiat of the Supreme Court."*

Mr. Lucas says Article V... itself... should be amended. *"A few simple adjustments could do much to return the ultimate power of constitutional change to the people."* In his National Review article he writes extensively about why and in what ways Article V should be changed. He has even written

a separate book on the topic: ***Are We The People***, available [HERE](#).

Read Mr. Lucas' entire National Review article [HERE](#).

### ***NewsMax* Finally Publishes Brief Acknowledgement of Article V**

— During December the conservative **NewsMax.com** carried a report that there have been 742 proposals to amend the US Constitution since 1999. The article was written by political analyst/author/speaker Scott Rasmussen.

He reports that the vast majority of those proposals died in Congressional committees. He says only 20 times over those years was a potential amendment even voted on by the full House or Senate.

After noting that *“The requirements to amend the U.S. Constitution are challenging,”* Rasmussen offers a cursory (and unfortunately incomplete) reference to the Article V state convention option for proposing amendments. Read his piece [HERE](#).

### **Writer's Wish: 'Stop Bankrupting My Children's Future' –**

During December **RealClearPolitics.com** published a commentary written by Tim Kane of the Hoover Institution. It dealt mostly with the misleading “Winners and Losers” approach to evaluating federal tax bills. Kane wrote some weeks before Congress approved its 2017 Tax Cut and Reform Bill.

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Mr. Kane addressed the possibility that the national debt might increase by up to \$1.5 trillion over the next 10 years as a result of the bill. He says, *"Yes, deficits are a problem. So is slow growth. As much as I wish Washington would stop bankrupting my children's future, I appreciate that tax reform is not where the debt will be fixed. The spending side of the federal ledger is what threatens us. Once upon a time, a moral constraint among legislators held spending in check, but it has washed away. Sadly, there is no statutory constraint."*

Kane concluded his op-ed by saying, *"To save the future, America needs a balanced budget amendment."* Read his piece [HERE](#).

### **US Term Limits Proposal Gains Support Going Into 2018 –**

Vermont State Rep. Robert Helm has announced that he will sponsor the **US Term Limits (USTL)** resolution in Vermont this next session. In making his announcement, Rep. Helm said, *"It's important because of what you see in Washington now. Stalemates, shutdown and prejudice; and I think refreshing Congress every so often will eliminate some of that."*

Meanwhile Tennessee State Senator Mark Green announced that he has signed the Article V Term Limits Convention Pledge, joining a growing number of state lawmakers nationwide who have also made the commitment. Green's pledge says, *"I pledge that as a member of the state legislature, I will support and vote for the resolution applying for an Article V convention for the limited purpose of proposing term limits on Congress."*

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Green, currently running for a seat in the US House, has also signed the USTL pledge to support a Congressionally-introduced Constitutional amendment requiring term limits for Congress.

According to USTL, the most recent nationwide Gallup poll on term limits shows the issue enjoys wide bipartisan support. The results suggest that 75% of Americans support congressional term limits. Gallup's analysis states, *"Republicans and Independents are slightly more likely than Democrats to favor term limits; nevertheless, the vast majority of all party groups agree on the issue. Further, Gallup finds no generational differences in support for the proposal."*

### **Act 2 Launches New Web Site –**

A new web site has been opened to promote **The Act 2 Reforms... a Blueprint to Rejuvenate America**. This is a Colorado-based movement that is promoting five Constitutional amendments. The attractive and detail-packed site explains the national problems Act 2 seeks to address, and offers specific, actionable ideas.

Frank W. Keeney and his wife Carol are the founders of Act 2. Find and explore their new web site [HERE](#).

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## Who Said It?

*= 2America is, and will be, divided into several sovereign states, each possessing every power proper for governing within its own limits for its own purposes, and also for acting as a member of the union."*

He wrote that any states that allowed the federal government to interfere in their sovereign jurisdiction would be guilty of a breach of trust, for the *“trustees or servants of the several states”* were obliged to protect the authority citizens had placed in them. If state officials lose ground to the federal government, Dickinson maintained, ***“It will be their own faults.”***

John Dickinson (writing under the pseudonym, "Fabius"). In early 1788 Dickinson perceived that momentum to ratify the new Constitution was slowing. He composed 9 letters that were published in newspapers, were well-received, and were widely reprinted. The above quotes are from those letters.

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# AMERICANS Digital Liberty *for* TAX REFORM

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## Combat Confusion - Title II Repeal Resource

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I understand there may be consideration of some kind of "net neutrality" style legislation in Ohio. **We ask that you oppose any so-called net neutrality legislation.** In the following sections, we have included information as to why these types of bills will be harmful for your state.

In this email you will find:

- **State Bills lead to a segregated internet**
- **Answers to questions about why the FCC repealed Title II regulation of the Internet and what that means**
- **Support for the FCC's Restoring Internet Freedom Order** from outside groups with links, including this [coalition letter](#) to Senators and Representatives.

I hope you find this helpful.

Regards,

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## Prevent a Segregated Internet

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State legislation is not needed to solve a perceived problem. **Legislation will create an internet segregated at state borders**, and only lead to costly litigation because the internet is inherently interstate commerce.

While legislation intends to protect consumers from blocking and throttling, it creates a larger problem. Having a patchwork of different state laws that apply to the infrastructure that we communicate and do business over, **creates a divided internet where traffic will actually end up treated unequally**.

Since these types of laws have the unintended consequence of disrupting commerce between the states, states passing any version of **net neutrality or Title II laws will face lawsuits costing taxpayers millions**.

Further, these types of **laws will discourage investment in your states internet infrastructure**, slowing the deployment of not only new wired connections and network upgrades, but also 5G deployment.

**To prevent a segregated internet, the best federal Open Internet legislation would:**

- Give authority to the Federal Trade Commission
- And encompass the following principles:
  - Internet experiences— including content, technology, information, and delivery— should be consumer-driven not government-driven.
  - The role of state and federal governments is to deter fraud, enforce contracts, and arbitrate disputes.
  - Clear, consistent, and limited government maximizes innovation and competition.
  - Reliable internet access encourages and accelerates economic growth and development.

**Title II did not achieve the purported goals:**

- No blocking, No throttling, No paid prioritization
- The D.C. Circuit Court said that the Title II internet order allowed ISPs to offer filtered Internet access,

**There is a federal bill, The Open Internet Preservation Act**

- That includes no blocking and no throttling for anti-competitive non-network management purposes

- Transparency requirements
- Gives FCC limited authority
- This bill is okay, but a better bill would place this authority with the Federal Trade Commission
  - uses a case-by-case approach established in precedent rather than a prescriptive regulations that cannot adapt to future technologies
  - considers the full internet ecosystem

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## Q&A

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**Q: Why is the FCC killing the Internet?**

**A: This is the same constantly improving and innovating Internet. Nothing died.**

- The FCC reinstituted the framework signed into law by Bill Clinton
- We have had 20 years of explosive internet innovation under that framework
- Title II would have put the Internet under utility style laws like the electric grid
  - Utility laws stifle innovation
  - Utility laws are one of the reasons we don't have a smart grid, but we do have smart phones!

**Q: Are ISPs going to start charging customers for filtered Internet access?**

**A: Title II did not stop ISPs from "filtering" Internet access**

- The D.C. Circuit Court said that Title II allows ISPs to offer filtered Internet access, & also said that none were doing so because of fear of subscriber losses. Market forces, not the Title II rules, are regulating this conduct.
  - Some people will never accept market forces as a solution, either for broadband or otherwise... Good thing there are and have always been consumer protections at the Federal Trade Commission (keep reading).

**Q: What if my ISP tries to block content of a competitor?**

**A: If an ISP were to advantage its own content over a competitor:**

- that would be in violation of competition, anti-trust, or deceptive practice standards. Enforceable by State Attorneys Generals and/or the Federal Trade Commission
  - state consumer protection laws will apply and state attorneys general can bring actions against ISPs

- federal antitrust law will protect against discriminatory conduct by ISPs. As a former Obama Administration FTC Chairman recently said, this is a "formidable hammer against anyone who would harmfully block, throttle or prioritize traffic."
- The Federal Trade is able to police ISPs that engage in unfair and deceptive practices through its consumer protection authority
  - When the FCC classified broadband as a Title II service in 2015, it divested the Federal Trade Commission of 100% of its consumer protection authority over ISPs, including its ability to police ISPs that engage in unfair or deceptive practices. Repealing Title II will restore those important protections for Internet openness.

**Q: What about my data privacy?**

**A: Consumers have regained strong online privacy protections from the Federal Trade Commission.**

- Before the FCC stripped it of jurisdiction, the FTC—the nation's most experienced privacy enforcement agency—brought over 500 privacy enforcement actions, including against ISPs. By reversing Title II, consumers get those privacy protections back.

**Q: Will ISPs start censoring content?**

**A: Your ISP has not and will not censor content**

- **Content censorship is more likely to come from:**
- Governments - think Arab Spring and short term internet shut downs during that time, or general political censorship in China (more on government censorship below)
  - Platforms that moderate what users post based on policies, terms, and agreements for using the platform, app or service.
  - Also, slower loading pages are more likely caused by the number of advertisements, images, or videos loading in side bars
- **Governments Censor & Title II gave the Government more control over the Internet Infrastructure**
  - Outside of the US, there were 81 short-term internet shutdowns that occurred in 19 countries between July 1, 2015 and June 30, 2016
  - During that time: India lost \$968 million from internet shutdowns, Saudi Arabia lost \$465 million, Morocco lost \$320 million, Iraq lost \$209 million, Brazil lost \$116 million, and the Republic of the Congo lost \$72 million
  - Governments are willing to take financial hits to maintain power, especially when they can always raise more money from taxpayers
  - Companies want to make money
    - they may experiment with new business models, but if consumers don't like it, they quickly stop
    - Blocking or filtering content will cause them to lose subscribers.

**Q: If Title II didn't prevent blocking or filtering, and there were already protections at the FTC, then why did the FCC pass new "net neutrality" rules?**



**A: The FCC wanted to expand its own jurisdiction.**

- With most communications moving online, the FCC is becoming increasingly obsolete. The only real way to ensure its future existence (and power) was to expand its jurisdiction.
- The 1996 Telecommunications Act did not give the FCC authority over the internet
- The FCC did some creative interpreting of the law to expand its own jurisdiction into an area already covered by another agency, the FTC
- We don't need duplicative regulation and authorities - that's costly to innovation and to taxpayers
- The FTC has authority to punish bad actors. If Congress thinks there should be additional authority, then Congress should pass legislation. The FCC and FTC are creations of Congress and should only within the bounds that Congress gave them.

**Q: What Now?**

**A: Its time for Federal Legislation**

- Anyone pushing litigation over legislation is missing the point
- "Net Neutrality" has been pinballing through the FCC and the Courts for far too long.
- The FCC lost its cases in 2010 and 2012. And don't forget that the FCC's 2015 Title II Order could still be taken up by the Supreme Court over the legal question Chevron deference - or whether courts should defer to agencies when agencies grant themselves power

**Free Market Open Internet Principles:**

- Internet experiences— including content, technology, information, and delivery— should be consumer-driven not government-driven.
- The role of state and federal governments is to deter fraud, enforce contracts, and arbitrate disputes.
- Clear, consistent, and limited government maximizes innovation and competition.
- Reliable internet access encourages and accelerates economic growth and development.

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## **Articles & Statements of Support for Title II Repeal**

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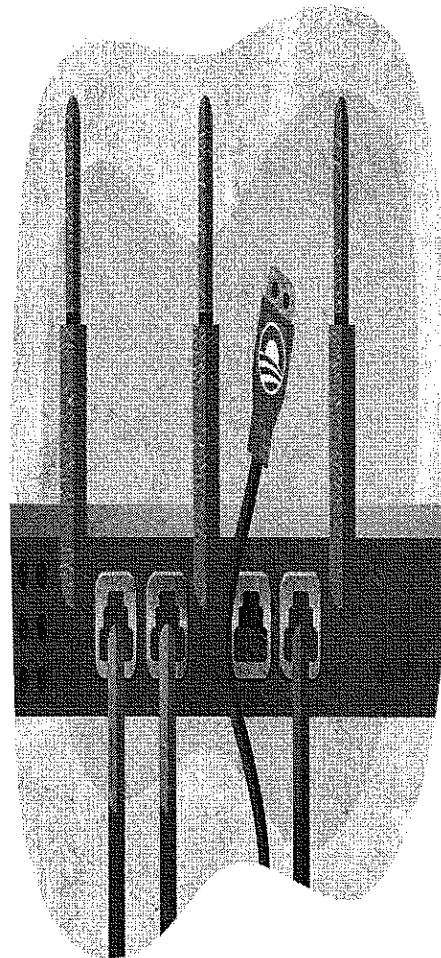
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## Coalition to Congress: Stop Democrat Efforts to Control...

Today Americans for Tax Reform, along with a number of center-right organizations, sent a letter to members of the House and Senate opposing usage of the Congressional Review Act to overturn the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Restoring ...

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## Restoring a light touch to FCC internet regulations

Over the last two weeks, there has been a vigorous debate about internet regulation. Under the plan I recently proposed, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) would restore internet freedom by rolling back heavy-handed government...



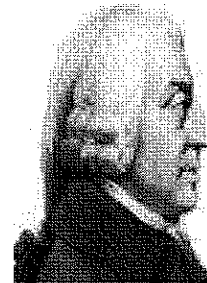
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## **Everybody Calm Down About Net Neutrality**

The FCC's vote this week only restores power to the Federal Trade Commission, whose record is strong.

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## **The destiny of telecom regulation is antitrust**

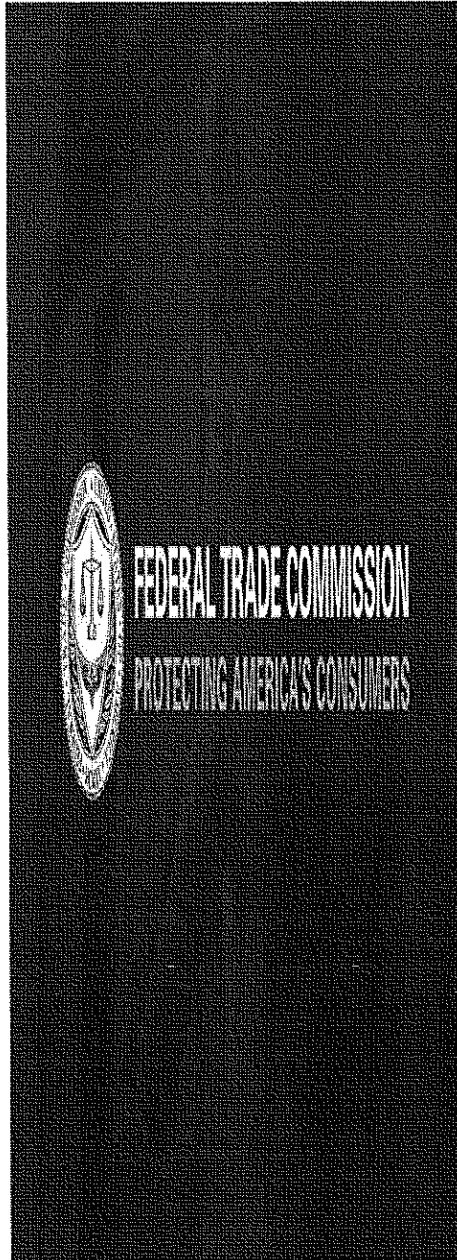
This week the FCC will vote on Chairman Ajit Pai's Restoring Internet Freedom Order. Once implemented, the Order will rescind the 2015 Open Internet Order and return antitrust and consumer protection enforcement to primacy in Internet access...

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## **FCC votes to Restore Internet Freedom**

Americans for Tax Reform released a letter in support of S. 2222 which will expand 529 savings accounts to include apprenticeship programs. This legislation will help bring more job opportunities to young Americans. The full letter can be found...



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### **FTC, FCC Outline Agreement to Coordinate Online Consumer ...**

The Federal Trade Commission and Federal Communications Commission (FCC) announced their intent to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) under which the two agencies would coordinate online consumer protection efforts following the...

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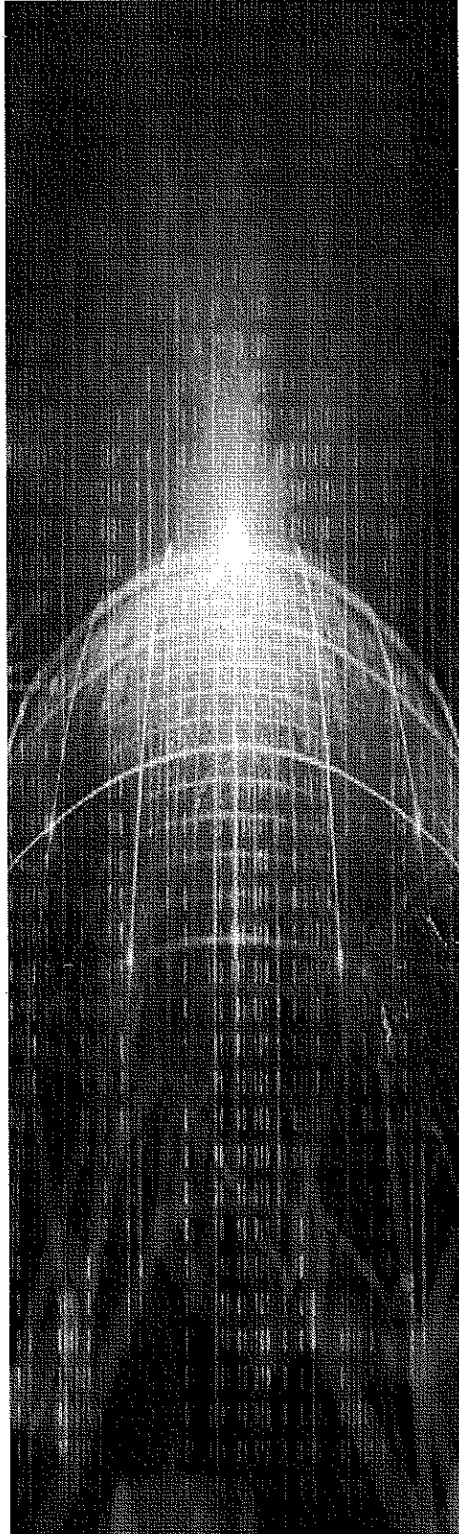


### **The Internet Is Free Again**

Killing Obama-era rules will remove the FCC as political gatekeeper.

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## **No, the Internet is not about to be destroyed**

**CLOSE** Worries that web providers will ruin access are unfounded. They have every incentive to offer their customers maximum access to Internet services. The headlines regarding the Federal Communications Commission's upcoming vote on "net..."

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## AFP: FCC Vote to Repeal Net Neutrality Will Restore...

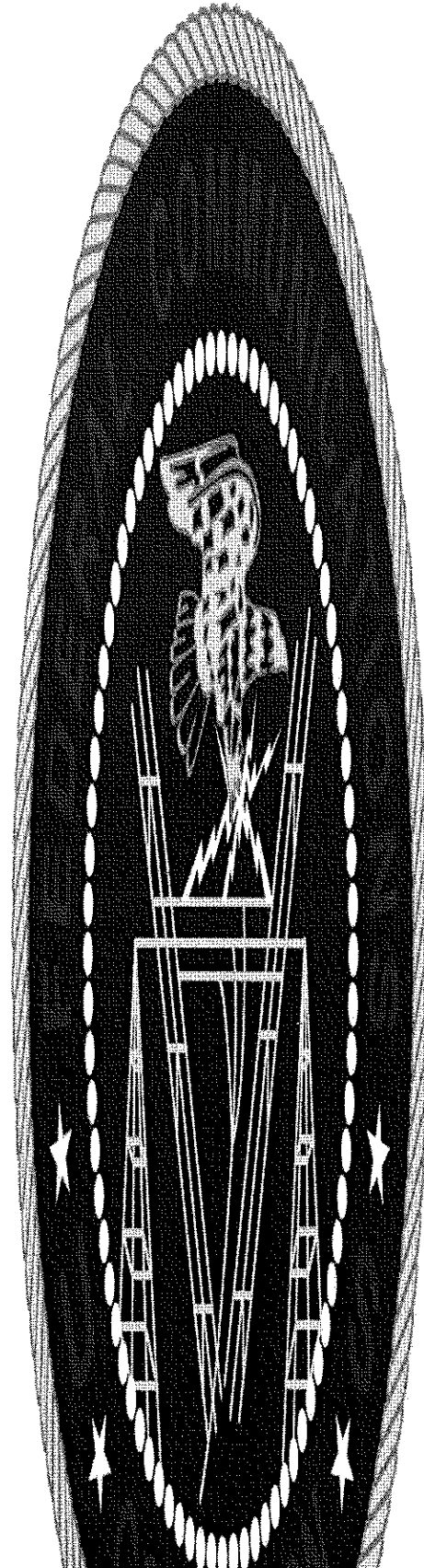
Arlington, Va. - Today, Americans for Prosperity commended the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) for voting to repeal Obama-era internet regulations, which improperly classified the internet as a Title II telecommunications service under...

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**FreedomWorks Hails the  
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### **Internet ...**

Today the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted to enact the Restoring Internet Freedom Order, reversing regulation of Internet service providers (ISPs) under Title II of the Communications Act of 1934 and returning to a Title I framework ...

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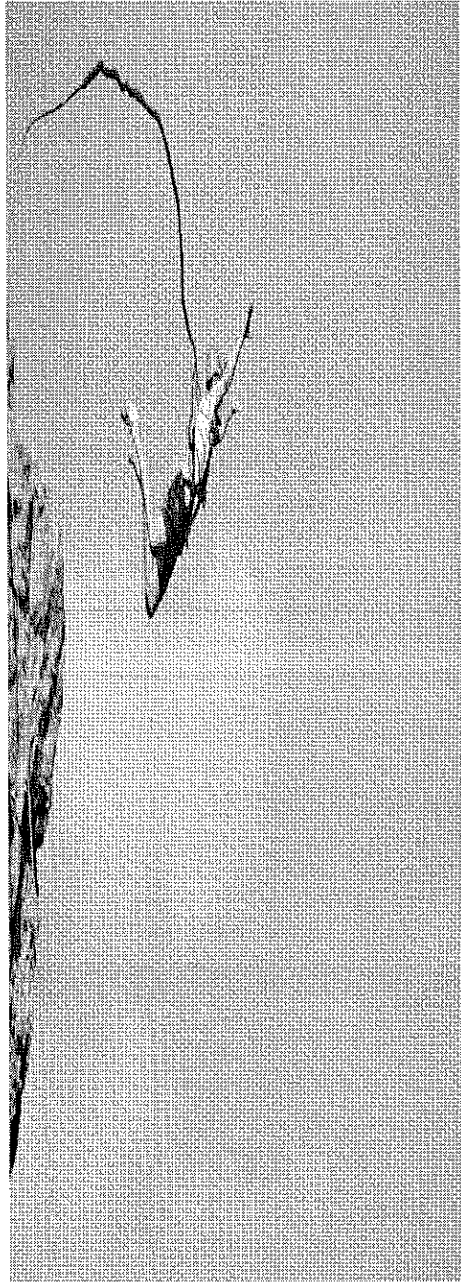
### **FCC Votes to Put the Consumer Back in Charge of the...**

Today's vote at the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) puts individual consumers back in charge of their internet experience. The vote rolled back a 2015 Order reclassifying the internet as a 1930s telecommunications utility and restored the ...

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### **Dear Aunt Sadie, Please Step Back From The Net...**

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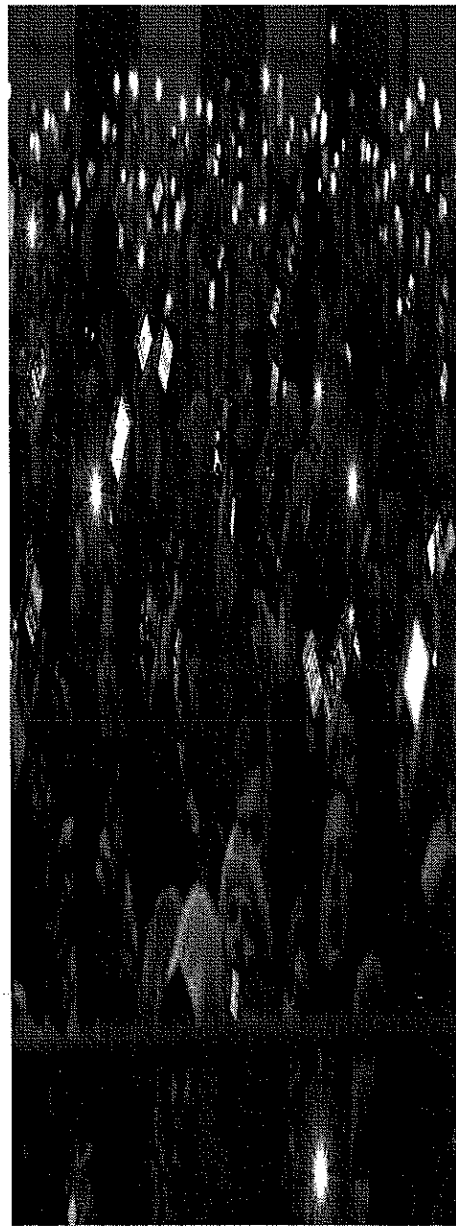
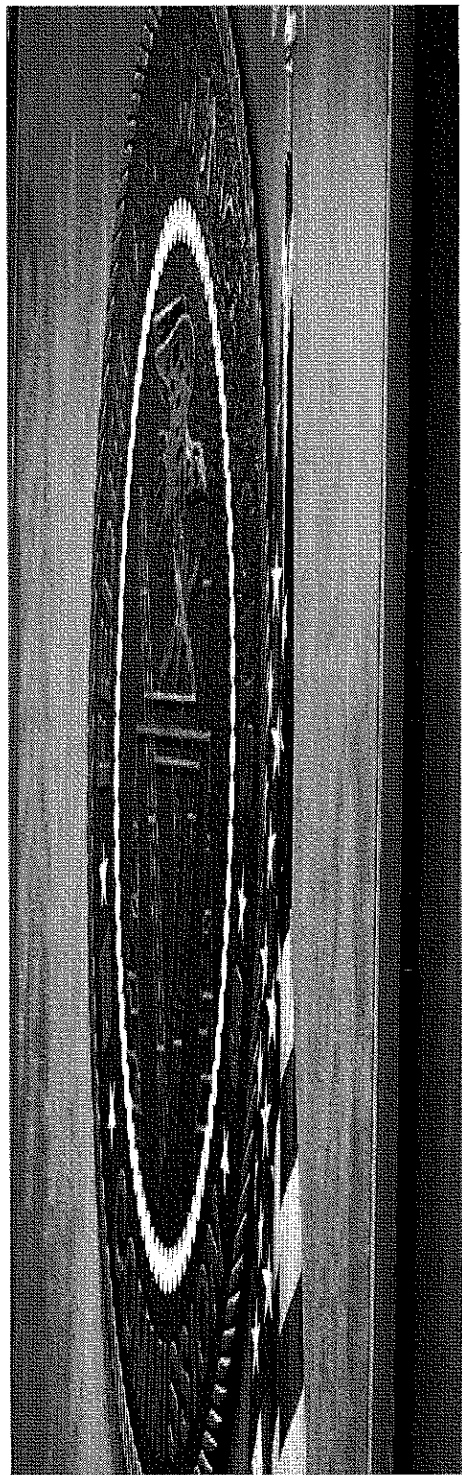
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### **The FCC Just Voted to Roll Back Obama-Era Net Neutrality ...**

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**Global economy loses  
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### **The FCC's defining case for repealing internet regulations**

The expected blizzard of social media and online commentary has followed the FCC's announced proposal to repeal public utility regulation it imposed on broadband Internet access back in 2015. Yet much of the online chatter ignores the legal issue

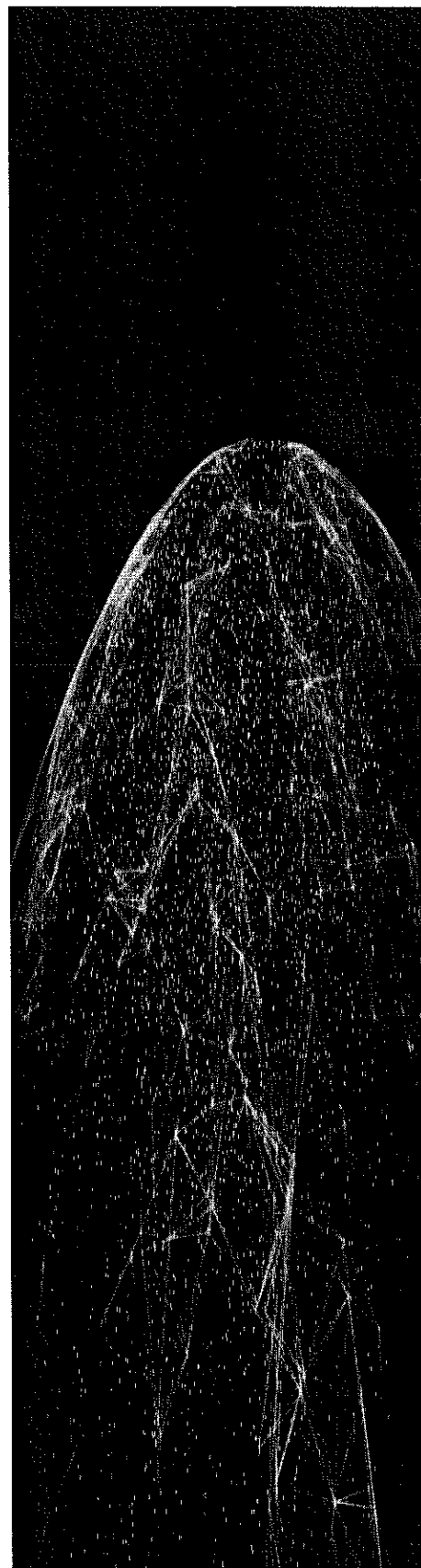
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### **shutdowns**

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### **Debunking the Left's Myths on Net Neutrality**

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### **CEI Responds to FCC Repeal of Net Neutrality Regulations**

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### **ACU Praises FCC Chairman Ajit Pai's Unwavering Resolve...**

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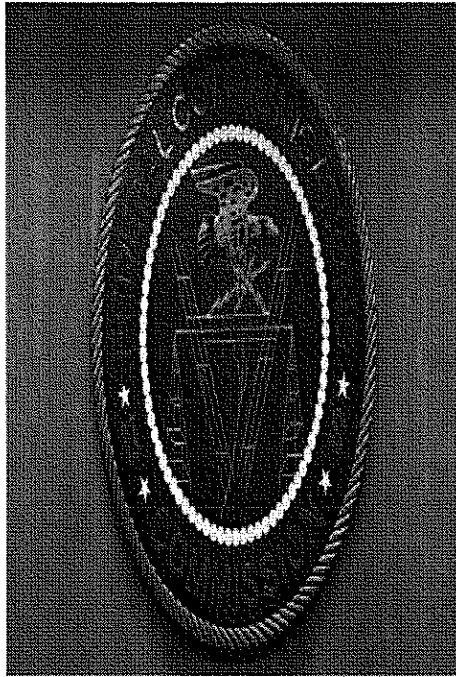
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### **On net neutrality and the competition solution: a Q&A - AEI**

Given the FCC's regulatory rollback decision on net neutrality, I thought it might be a good time to re-up some of my podcast interview with Brent Skorup, a research fellow in the technology policy program at the Mercatus Center at George Mason...



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### Citizens Against Government Waste Cheers FCC's...

For Immediate Release Contact: Curtis Kalin 202-467-5318 December 14, 2017 (Washington, D.C.) - Today, Citizens Against Government Waste (CAGW) President Tom Schatz released a statement following the approval of the landmark Restoring Internet...

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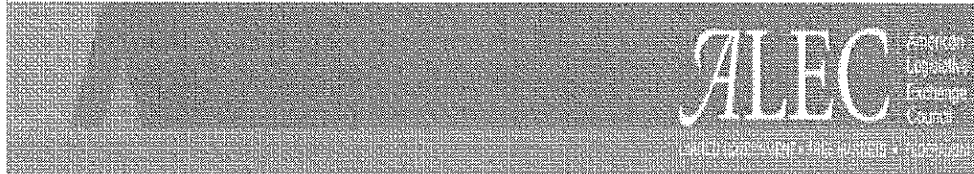
**To:** Rep07

**Subject:** Thomas, Add Your Name: Open Letter to Congress Opposing Sales Tax Collection Across State Lines

Dear Thomas,

Please add your name to the below ALEC coalition letter advising Congress not to allow states to require sales tax collections on businesses that have no physical presence within the respective state.

Such aggressive taxation would require businesses to understand and comply with rates, exemptions, rules, tax holidays and other peculiarities for 12,000 different tax jurisdictions. State lawmakers across the country are urging Congress not to allow such aggressive taxation. Please join the letter today by providing your name here.



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March 12, 2018

Dear Members of Congress,

As state legislators, we oppose the attempts to overturn constitutional precedent safeguarding Congress's essential authority to protect interstate commerce from discriminatory regulation and taxation. As a result, commerce has grown, unfettered between the states. Such a populous and geographically expansive free trade zone is largely responsible for the abundance of wealth and opportunity—unrivaled in history—spread across our nation. Unfortunately, some state policymakers are attempting to resolve their overspending problems to look aggressively beyond their own state lines for tax revenue. This misguided bid to resolve their overspending problems utterly violates the constitutional principles that provide a proving ground for innovation, entrepreneurship and small businesses.

The U.S. Constitution was written to replace the Articles of Confederation in no small part due to the latter's failure to prevent a spiraling interior "war" of states who could assert tax and regulatory authority outside their borders and thereby create fiefdoms for themselves. The Constitution's Commerce Clause and subsequent jurisprudence make clear that taxing power must be limited by state borders. Businesses lacking a "substantial nexus" or link to a state through a "physical presence" such as offices, employees, or property, cannot be forced to act as tax collection agents for that state (*Quill Corp v North Dakota* (1992)). If the Supreme Court overturns *Quill*, state tax collectors would be empowered to

reach across their boundaries to collect taxes from non-resident online retailers located outside of their jurisdiction. These retailers could face fines or legal challenges from taxing jurisdictions based on rules in which the online retailers have no voice.

Forcing online retailers to understand and comply with remote rates, exemptions, rules, tax holidays, or other peculiarities of 12,000 different tax jurisdictions (roughly twice as many as existed in 1992) is highly discriminatory. Contrast this with the treatment of sales in similar brick-and-mortar businesses, which only require collection of tax for the jurisdiction in which they are physically located. The compliance costs would fall particularly hard on specialty businesses and small sellers that are dependent on the internet to reach their customers. This would stunt economic dynamism, deter business activity, and unreasonable burden businesses engaging in interstate commerce.

As state legislators, we recognize the threat to growth, and to each of our states, posed by the potential unleashing of aggressive out-of-state tax collectors and auditors on businesses located elsewhere. For nearly 20 years, ALEC members have steadfastly supported the physical presence standard outlined in Quill through model policies such as the Sales and Use Tax Collection Protection Act as well as the 21st Century Commercial Nexus Act. Our constituents overwhelmingly agree (according to a Rasmussen Reports Poll) with our opposition to allowing tax enforcement agents from one state to collect taxes from hardworking individuals and businesses elsewhere. Healthy economic competition in a free market, between the 50 "laboratories of democracy," is at the heart of the American experiment with federalism. Each year, the Rich States, Poor States publication reveals how tax policy affects state tax competition and economic outlook. Blurring—or eliminating ~~the~~ limits of any individual state's sovereignty—erodes the efficacy of this experiment.

Sincerely,

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**From:** Ashley Varner

**Sent:** Sunday, March 18, 2018 4:03 PM

**To:** Rep07

**Subject:** Thomas, Please Sign This Congressional Letter Opposing Internet Sales Taxes

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**From:** jeannemelvin@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 24, 2018 7:10 PM  
**To:** Rep07  
**Subject:** Road Trip to Michigan?

First Name : Jeanne

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Address : 866 Beech Drive

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Phone : 614.885.4628

Email : jeannemelvin@yahoo.com

Subject :  
Road Trip to Michigan?

Message :  
Hello!

The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) will hold its annual Spring Task Force Summit on Friday, April 27 at the Amway Grand Plaza in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Will you be attending the conference?

If so, who will pay your way,

And what will they expect in return?

**From:** Rep07  
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I've never attended an ALEC conference.

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Thank you!

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**From:** Rep07  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 25, 2018 2:31 PM  
**To:** jeannemelvin@yahoo.com  
**Subject:** Re: Road Trip to Michigan?

Jeanne,

Did you receive my earlier reply? Would like to discuss your understandable concerns. My cell is 440-212-2426.

Tom Patton

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Jeff Clayton

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 1, 2018 7:00 AM

**To:** Rep07

**Subject:** Arnold Foundation Admits the Truth: It Funded Lawsuits to End Money Bail in Houston and Elsewhere

The logo for the American Bail Coalition features a stylized, dark, curved shape on the left side, resembling a thick, curved line or a partial circle. To the right of this graphic, the words "AMERICAN" and "BAIL COALITION" are stacked vertically in a large, bold, serif font.

# AMERICAN BAIL COALITION

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The Arnold Foundation and the "not so secret" mission to end bail...

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The Houston-based Laura and John Arnold Foundation has been going around the country promoting its Public Safety Assessment as the gold standard in scientifically sorting defendants into categories, then making recommendations as to what the conditions of release on bail should be.

Curiously, while the tool often recommends detention, the tool never recommends or even a release on a bail bond. As a result, this “science” is then used to deny a critical constitutional bail.

The Arnold Foundation has long claimed that they are simply in the “objective” science business in the game except to provide judges better information so that they can confirm their “l

### Arnold Foundation Launches Expansion of Public Safety Assessment Tool

**The truth and only the truth.** The Arnold Foundation admitted that it is funding the law to eliminate bail. In a recent article, it was noted that the Arnold Foundation is a “important all legal effort to eliminate all financial conditions of bail.

“Most notably, efforts funded by the MacArthur Foundation and the Laura and John Arnold Foundation have forged partnerships with local jurisdictions to change how the “front end” of the criminal justice system works, to reduce the number of people swept into the incarceration pipeline.” – With Backing of Top Funders, This Group is Taking the Criminal Justice System to Court

*There’s been a dramatic surge of new philanthropic giving in this space in recent years, with moving strategically to tackle a decentralized challenge. Most notably, efforts funded by the MacArthur Foundation and the Laura and John Arnold Foundation have forged partnerships with local jurisdictions to change how the “front end” of the criminal justice system works, to reduce the number of people swept into the incarceration pipeline.*

*That’s where Civil Rights Corps comes in, an organization dedicated to challenging criminal justice abuses in court. It was founded just two years ago by a young lawyer named Alec Karakatsani, teamed up with a more seasoned lawyer and nonprofit leader, Eric Halperin—now the CEO of the Corps, staffed by a small but growing team of mostly attorneys. – Inside Philanthropy, April 24, 2019*

**Wait a minute, let’s think about this.** The Arnold Foundation goes to Houston and convinces everyone that their neutral version of pretrial risk assessment is something that the County should adopt – which they do – all while funding litigation against the very counties, including Harris County, which it provides services. Of course, The Civil Rights Corps, the proverbial legal witch hunt

Arnold Foundation, carries out the marching orders for Arnold by suing the pants off of many jurisdictions.

How can any local official tell the constituents they serve that they have an objective vendor beyond us. This is a tool that is calibrated to achieve a specific political and legal result, that is absolutely clear.

We call on the Arnold Foundation to release all donation records immediately so that those who contract with the Arnold Foundation can become aware if Arnold is funding entities that seek to just say compel, the use of the Arnold Foundation tool when the constitutional right to bail is gone due to the Arnold Foundation's efforts.

We believe the Arnold Foundation is completely tainted on this issue. What began as perhaps an unintentioned attempt to improve the pretrial release system in criminal justice under Anne Milgram, former Vice President of Criminal Justice at the Laura and Arnold Foundation, is now nothing more than the think tank behind the wholesale destruction of accountable pretrial release. Arnold is the architect, validator, and implementor of their risk assessment instrument – while hiding behind the veil of a contract that every jurisdiction that uses the tool must sign.

**The Foundation might as well come clean**—their goal is to eliminate all financial conditions for bail, and they are spending money directly to make that a reality. Arnold needs to stop snowing local officials with their “awe-shucks, we’re just data scientists” routine. Obviously, this comes into question the objectivity of the tool itself, and should leave public officials thinking, what have we gotten ourselves into? A debacle, that’s what.

The Arnold Foundation has demonstrated an intent to deny the right to bail, and is therefore a conspirator in the attempt to trammel the constitutional right to bail for all Americans.

As we continue to expose this tainted Foundation, who is compiling records on millions of Americans with no oversight, we would encourage local officials to start asking hard questions. In Harris County, Texas, where the County had to pay \$7 million to defend a lawsuit that their “free vendor” litigation was funded against them, we’re not sure they would be too happy with such a conflict of interest.

With the Arnold Foundation recently announcing the addition of over 200 more jurisdictions to participate in their "Safety and Justice Challenge," how many more lawsuits will we see? How many more millions of records will Arnold compile at their New York clearinghouse of criminal information? How many more victims of violence will see their attacker freed on nothing more than just a promise to appear?

Jeff Clayton  
Executive Director  
American Bail Coalition

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More about the American Bail Coalition...

The American Bail Coalition is the national trade association of commercial bail insurance underwriters whose members are active in underwriting criminal bail bonds throughout the United States of America.

The Coalition's primary focus is to protect the constitutional right to bail by working with local and state policymakers to reform bail practices to the system of release from custody pending trial.

Jeff Clayton, Esq. is the Executive Director/Policy Director and can be reached at [jclayton@americanbail.org](mailto:jclayton@americanbail.org) or (877) 958-6666.

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**From:** Saul Anuzis  
**Sent:** Saturday, July 28, 2018 3:21 PM  
**To:** Rep07  
**Subject:** Daily Caller article on electing president

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I'd like to share my recent article in the *Daily Caller* with you. I've had an opportunity to discuss this issue with many of you in the past. I'll be at upcoming NCSL and ALEC conferences if you'd like to talk. My cell is 517-974-8242. Thank you.

## **IT'S HIGH TIME FOR THE UNITED STATES TO ELECT THE PRESIDENT BY POPULAR VOTE**

By Saul Anuzis  
*Daily Caller*  
July 23, 2017

While in Helsinki, President Donald Trump again voiced his support for a national popular vote for president. This is the third time he has done so, over the course of five weeks.

A national popular vote for president is the only way to make every Republican voter, in every state, politically relevant, in every presidential election. The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is the constitutionally appropriate approach to moving our country to a national popular vote election.

Article II; section I of the US Constitution gives the state legislatures of the various states exclusive power over the method with which electors are chosen. It says, "Each state shall appoint, in such manner the Legislature thereof may direct a number of electors....". Put bluntly - how the various states choose to award electors is their own business, and any method they choose is consistent with the letter of the Constitution and the intent of the founders.

The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact (NPVIC) simply asks the various legislatures if they would like to join together and award their

electors to the candidate who receives the most popular votes in all fifty states and the District of Columbia. The proposal takes effect when states with 270 electoral votes (a majority of the Electoral College) enact the same bill. The proposal has been enacted in twelve states with 172 electoral votes. It has passed Republican and Democrat-controlled chambers and enjoys significant bi-partisan support.

National Popular Vote is not a theory. It is a practical political movement that commands conservative respect for its state-based approach and has earned my personal support for political and policy reasons.

President Trump rightly points to the nearly impossible situation Republicans face under the current state-based, winner-take-all system. He was the first Republican candidate to carry the states of Michigan (my home state), Wisconsin and Pennsylvania in 24 years. Before the 2016 election, pundits were pointing to an ominous blue wall for Republican presidential candidates. I believe the blue wall remains intact today. The president agrees.

The current state-based winner takes all systems forces candidates and sitting presidents to focus on issues of interest to a shrinking number of battleground state voters. We are in the midst of a trade skirmish - if not a trade war - because rust belt voters; in rust belt states are the most recent cohort du jour in the swing states. The protectionist foreign policy that results is not in the best interest of port workers in fly over Oregon; wheat farmers in fly-over Kansas or implement manufacturers in Illinois.

Even battleground state industries and products are being targeted for retaliatory tariffs by Canada, Europe, and China. In an effort to "weaponize" the state-based winner take all system these countries have levied or threatened to levy tariffs on HERSHEY'S Chocolate (Pennsylvania); Heinz Ketchup (Ohio), Harley-Davidson Motorcycles (Wisconsin) and GM automobiles (Michigan).

If these trade war examples are a bit too esoteric for you, consider a couple of cold hard facts. Battleground states are twice as likely to get natural disaster declarations and more likely to receive SuperFund and No Child Left Behind waivers from sitting presidents.

It is plain to anyone who is willing to see that battleground state voters have much more influence with the American president than flyover state voters. This wrong is worth righting for a vast majority of the states. A national popular vote for president will right size the political power of battleground state voter issues and make every voter, in every state, politically relevant in every presidential election.

A national popular vote for president will mitigate against fraud determining the outcome of American presidential elections. In the 2000 election, 539 fraudulent votes in a Florida recount could have flipped the entire state to the Democrats and reversed the outcome of that election. The same 539 fraudulent votes would have had zero impact in a national popular vote election of some 150 million voters. National Popular Vote will result in strong and vibrant state and local parties in all fifty states, improving the integrity of American elections in every state and at the level of every precinct in the country.

A national popular vote for president will end the 10 electoral vote advantage the Democrats have under the current system. Electors are based on total number of representatives in Congress from each state. This is determined by the US Census where residents (citizens and non-citizens) are counted in each of the fifty states and members of Congress apportioned accordingly. The counting of non-citizen residents in the US Census results in a 10 net electoral vote advantage for the Democrats in states like California, New Mexico and others.

Overnight, a national popular vote system will turn our presidential elections into a first-past-the-post system (candidate with the most votes wins); in a single member district (the United States of America); among US Citizens (it is illegal for non-citizens to vote in federal and state law).

Like President Trump, I support a national popular vote for president. The National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is the constitutionally appropriate method to realize a national popular vote election. It preserves Article II; section I of the Constitution and retains the power of the states to reverse the system by choosing other methods at a later date.

I have never been afraid of our conservative ideas or the voters. I believe America is a center-right nation and that we should take our



message to every voter in all fifty states. National Popular Vote will allow Republicans and Democrats to do just that. I say we reform the system. Then we line up and beat them.

**Saul Anuzis is a senior consultant to National Popular Vote. He is a former state party chair from Michigan and two-time candidate for RNC Chair.**

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**Sent:** Sunday, July 29, 2018 5:00 AM  
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**Subject:** Town Hall - California Is Not as Big or Blue As You Think

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I just wanted to share my recent *Town Hall* article with you

As a former National Chairman of ALEC and former member of the California legislature, I've had an opportunity to discuss this issue with many of you in the past. And, I'll be at upcoming NCSL and ALEC conferences if you'd like to talk. My cell is 916-709-9781. Thank you.

## **California Is Not as Big or Blue As You Think**

By Ray Haynes  
*Town Hall*  
July 28, 2018

It's not what you don't know that can hurt you; it's what you think you know that just ain't so that will kill you. Time has taught me that this piece of "country" wisdom is as important as any in the pursuit of public policy. Ignorance based on false facts is deadly in public policy.

Take the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact as an example. The National Popular Vote plan is an interstate compact in which the compacting states agree to award their electoral votes to the person who gets the most votes in all 50 states. It is based on Art. I, Sec. 2 of the Constitution which grants state legislatures the plenary (and exclusive) power to award electors, and the founders' expectation that states would use that power to maximize their influence in the selection of the president.

The first thing I hear, when the proposal is presented, is that "California is so big, it will run the country" (mainly because I am from California) if the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact takes effect. My

conservative friends use California as an example of "what not to do" when it comes to public policy, and so, if California is going to run the country under the state statutes implementing the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, then, they say, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact is dangerous.

It is true, California is large but even as big as it is, it is still only about 12% of the entire US population. In elections, 88% beats 12% every time.

As important, there are 5 million Republicans in California. That is a larger number of Republicans than 47 other states. In 2016, Donald Trump received 4,685,047 votes in Texas. He received 4,605,515 votes in Florida. He received 4,483,810 votes in California. What does this mean? Given the winner take all rule in effect in each of these states, the Republican votes in Texas and California didn't mean a thing. Only the Republican votes in Florida mattered.

I get it. I am a Californian. We think we are the most significant state in the Union. If things don't go the way the leftists in California believe they ought to go, these leftists throw a temper tantrum. But the truth is, as a California conservative, I am the most irrelevant voter in the country. Presidential candidates come to California, collect \$130 million from the wealthiest Californians, and disappear. My neighbors and I, who cannot afford to donate to campaigns, never see or hear from those candidates again. The candidates don't care what we think.

If we move to a National Popular Vote system, at least I can join up with Republicans in Arizona, Utah, Oklahoma, and 46 other states, to cancel out the Democrats here in California. In the days when California was a battleground state, Republicans would get at least 25% more votes than Republican registrations. In 2016, Trump's vote was 20% below Republican registration in California. That is a swing of almost 2 million votes. Ask Californians for their vote, and they vote Republican. Ignore them, and the Democrats win big.

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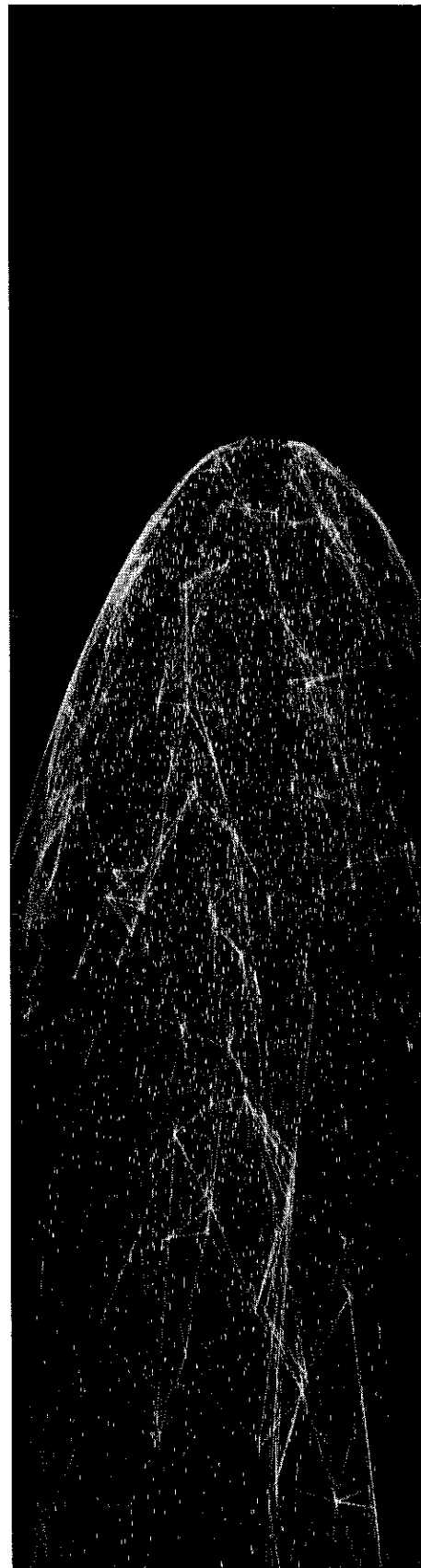
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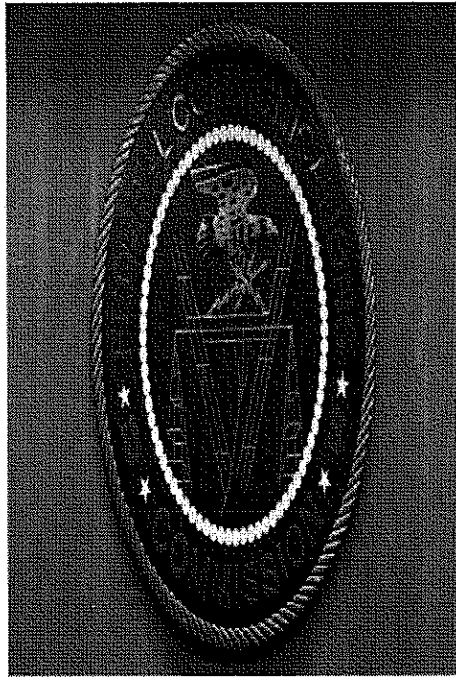
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### **Citizens Against Government Waste Cheers FCC's...**

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**Subject:** Key Vote Alert: Americans for Prosperity - Ohio OPPOSES House Bill 123

**Attachments:** HB123KeyVoteAlert.pdf

**Importance:** High



**Americans for Prosperity – Ohio OPPOSES H.B. 123**

May 15, 2018

Members of the Ohio House of Representatives:

On behalf of Americans for Prosperity, the nation's largest free market grassroots organization, and our tens of thousands of activists across Ohio, I **urge you to vote against House Bill 123**, which would restrict access to financing for some of our most vulnerable citizens in the guise of attempting to help them. Our organization is making **H.B. 123 a 'Key Vote' and will be recording your decision on our Legislative Scorecard.**

Payday loan opponents would like us to believe that these financial instruments are nothing but poverty traps, intended to exploit the financial emergencies of low-income families and ensnare them into usurious loan agreements. If this were actually the case, we would be appalled, and rightly so. But in reality, payday loans are more often used

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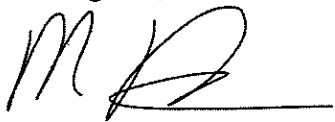
According to a study by the Pew Charitable Trusts, 69 percent of payday loan customers use them for routine expenses like rent, food, and clothing. Additionally, rather than being trapped in a never-ending spiral of debt and exorbitant interest rates, the average payday loan customer spends five months of the year in debt and seven months out of it, which could indicate that they are a return customer. According to Thaya Brook Knight, Associate Director of Financial Regulation Studies at the Cato Institute, this data paints a picture of the average payday loan user that is starkly different from the victim that payday loan opponents would have us believe is the intended target of this lending practice. Rather than abusing low-income workers and families in need, the data supports that payday loans are used to improve the ability of borrowers to cover basic expenses and make their lives easier.

In fact, 81 percent of payday loan users say that without these loans, they would be forced to cut down on basic expenses like clothes and food.

Helping families improve their financial situations and make ends meet is a critical challenge that needs to be overcome, but restricting access to financing options, as H.B. 123 would do if enacted, shows how good intentions can sometimes produce bad policy.

For these reasons, I **strongly urge you to reject H.B. 123**. Again, your decision on this bill tomorrow will be recorded as a **'Key Vote' on our Legislative Scorecard**. I look forward to working together to advance other, better policies that will truly help Ohio families transform their lives.

Best Regards,

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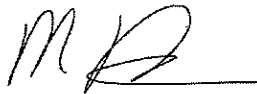
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**Attachments:** AFP - Ohio Sub. SB 4 Key Vote House.pdf

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**Americans for Prosperity – Ohio SUPPORTS Sub. S.B. 4**

June 19, 2018

Members of the Ohio House of Representatives:

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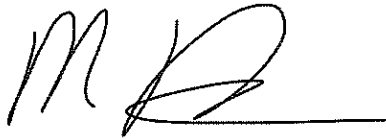
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